

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

CALVIN STANLEY HOLSINGER

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Plaintiff,

v.

JOHNSON COUNTY.

Defendant.

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No. 3:21-cv-02745-L (BT)

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Before the Court is Plaintiff Calvin Stanley Holsinger's *pro se* complaint under [42 U.S.C. § 1983](#). [ECF No. 1](#). For the following reasons, the Court should dismiss the complaint under [Fed. R. Civ. P. 41\(b\)](#).

**Background**

In his complaint, Holsinger alleges that he was sentenced to seven days' incarceration at the Johnson County Jail for misdemeanor DWI. [ECF No. 1 at 1](#). Although he requested a bottom bunk during his stay, Holsinger was given a top bunk and was then pushed out of the top bunk. [ECF No. 1 at 1](#). He broke his pelvis and a rib. [ECF No. 1 at 1](#). He then had to wait "several hours" until a nurse arrived to evaluate him. [ECF No. 1 at 2](#). He was subsequently transported to a hospital for an emergency surgery. [ECF No. 1 at 2](#).

The Court granted Holsinger leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. ECF No. 13. The order granting *in forma pauperis* status provides that “Plaintiff shall notify the Court of any change of address by filing a written Notice of Change of Address with the Clerk. Failure to file such notice may result in the case being dismissed for want of prosecution.” ECF No. 13 at 2.

On August 22, 2022, the Court issued Holsinger a Magistrate Judge Questionnaire (MJQ) to give him a chance plead his best case and clarify his claims. See ECF No. 14. On September 21, 2022, the Court’s MJQ to Holsinger was returned as undeliverable. See ECF No. 14. Holsinger has failed to provide the Court with any alternative address.

### **Legal Standards and Analysis**

Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure allows a court to dismiss an action *sua sponte* for failure to prosecute or for failure to comply with the federal rules or any court order. *Larson v. Scott*, 157 F.3d 1030, 1031 (5th Cir. 1998). “This authority [under Rule 41(b)] flows from the court’s inherent power to control its docket and prevent undue delays in the disposition of pending cases.” *Boudwin v. Graystone Ins. Co., Ltd.*, 756 F.2d 399, 401 (5th Cir. 1985) (citing *Link v. Wabash, R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626 (1962)).


Here, Holsinger has failed to comply with the Court’s order to keep the Court apprised of his current address. This is especially problematic here because Holsinger’s allegations are not frivolous, and, with additional factual detail, could potentially state a claim. The Court has attempted to elicit this additional

information through an MJQ, but the MJQ was returned as undeliverable. This litigation cannot proceed until Holsinger provides the Court with his current address and completes the MJQ. Accordingly, the complaint should be dismissed under [Fed. R. Civ. P. 41\(b\)](#) for failure to prosecute and for failure to follow a Court order.

### **Conclusion**

The Court should dismiss the complaint without prejudice under [Fed. R. Civ. P. 41\(b\)](#).

Signed October 3, 2022.



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REBECCA RUTHERFORD  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL/OBJECT**

A copy of this report and recommendation shall be served on all parties in the manner provided by law. Any party who objects to any part of this report and recommendation must file specific written objections within 14 days after being served with a copy. *See* [28 U.S.C. § 636\(b\)\(1\)](#); [FED. R. CIV. P. 72\(b\)](#). To be specific, an objection must identify the specific finding or recommendation to which objection is made, state the basis for the objection, and specify the place in the magistrate judge's report and recommendation where the disputed determination is found. An objection that merely incorporates by reference or refers to the briefing before the magistrate judge is not specific. Failure to file specific written objections will bar the aggrieved party from appealing the factual findings and legal conclusions of the magistrate judge that are accepted or adopted by the district court, except upon grounds of plain error. *See Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1417 (5th Cir. 1996).